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TO : Director of Logistics

DATE: 5 February 1963

FROM : Chief, Real Estate & Construction
Division, OL

SUBJECT: Monthly Activity Report

1. Administration

a. In a recent conversation with Mr. L. A. Ziernicki, Chief, Space Management Division, Public Buildings Service, Region 3, he indicated to this office that the White House and National Capital Parks are increasing pressure on Mr. Bernard L. Boutin, Administrator, the General Services Administration, to accelerate his program for the demolition of the "Tempos", with particular emphasis directed to [REDACTED]

I, J, K, and L along the Reflecting Pool and those in the area bounded generally by Independence Avenue, Ohio Drive and the Tidal Basin. Alcott Hall, R & S and Quarters Eye are the only buildings in this area occupied exclusively by the Agency [REDACTED]

Mr. Ziernicki commented that some of the tempos might come down as early as late 1963 or early 1964. He readily conceded that GSA had no specific space immediately available or in the near future to which he can relocate all the occupants of the tempos but it is planned to move NASA from L building to their new building and DOD from I, J, and L to a new building to be erected at Bailey's Cross Roads in Virginia. In reply to a question as to where he might plan to relocate Agency personnel he said it might be necessary to move some of our people into 1014 - 5th Street (Steuart Building) which has just been vacated by NPIC. There are [REDACTED] of space available in this building and it is a possibility that pressure may be exerted upon us to make such a move, probably from R & S and Quarters Eye. The Steuart building is not in a desirable neighborhood, has practically no parking, but there is no doubt that the space could be adapted to our use.

The [REDACTED] may offer some relief but not immediately. GSA has long range plans for general office space in this area.

Generally speaking, it appears that Mr. Ziernicki is overly optimistic in his demolition schedule. However, he was asked to put his present thinking in a letter to Col. White or Mr. Garrison as formal notice of the present situation.

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b. An investigation of the power outage at Headquarters on 29 January 1963 was made by [REDACTED] Electrical Engineer, RE&CD, and it appears that there was no malfunction in the Agency equipment. The trouble originated in the Vepco substation at Idylwood and Mr. [REDACTED] will obtain a formal report from Vepco to determine the precise source of the trouble and recommend any corrective measures that should be taken.

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d. The Headquarters telephone system is not provided with instantaneous power and consideration is being given to adding this load (about 15 KW) to any new U. P. S. generator that may be installed. Any such proposal as this and (c) above must necessarily be coordinated with OC and the generator capacity sized for their needs and (c) and (d).

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